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U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers Clears Channel in AIWW

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CHARLESTON, S.C. --- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces the completion of a channel that will allow more commercial traffic to the navigate through a portion of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW) that has been partially restricted over the past two weeks.

The channel is located about five miles north of the U.S. 501 Bridge. The controlling dimensions of the channel will be determined by a hydrographic survey within the next 48 hours.

The Corps will continue to clear this reach of the AIWW to its designed proportions over the next several weeks.

All vessels navigating the area still should exercise extreme caution, and read and strictly comply with the U.S. Coast Guard's notices.

For more information on current channel depths, mariners are advised to contact the U.S. Coast Guard.